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In re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
SUPERCRITICAL PROCESSING  
OF A WORKPIECE**

) Group Art Unit: 1763

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) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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Sir:

These amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Office Action  
mailed April 3, 2002.

AMENDMENT

Clean version of the amended claim:

(Once Amended) 23. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the transfer module further comprises  
means for maintaining a pressure in the transfer module configured to be a slight positive  
pressure relative to a surrounding environment.

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Version of the amended claim with markings to show changes made:

(Once Amended) 23. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the transfer module further comprises means for maintaining a [slight positive] pressure in the transfer module configured to be a slight positive pressure relative to a surrounding environment.